(c) Ordnance Factories Organisation is a Departmental Undertaking primarily working for Defence Services on 'no profit no loss' basis.

(d) and (e) Modernisation Programme of Ordnance Factories is an on-going process and the steps taken include replacement and renewal of old plant and machinery, augmentation of capacities in critical areas and introduction of 'state-of-the-art' technology in production.

(f) There is no plan to phase out any of the units.

Processing of fish

*475. DR. SHRIKANT RAMACHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) what was the total quantity of fishing processed in the various units in India during the year ending 31st March, 1992;

(b) what is the quantity of processed fish which was exported; and

(c) what are the proposals under Government's consideration to boost the export of fish?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) In March, '92, there were 299 fish processing units in India having a total processing capacity of 3478 tonnes per day. However, actual quantity of fish processed in these units during the year ending 31st March, 1992 is not available. The quantity of marine products exported from India in 1991-92 was 1,71,820 tonnes valued at Rs. 1,375.89 crores which includes 49,333 tonnes of fresh /frozen fish valued at Rs. 143.20 crores.

Statement

(c) Particulars of schemes being implemented/under consideration for development of deep sea fishing and to increase export of marine products from India are:

1. Scheme on Joint Ventures in deep sea fishing processing & Marketing; Leasing of foreign fishing vessels for operation in Indian waters; and Test fishing.

2. Scheme for equity participation in deep sea fishing and processing units.

3. Scheme for providing interest subsidy on loan for acquisition of deep sea fishing vessels.

4. Scheme for tuna and other fish processing.

5. Scheme on reimbursement of a part of the cost of diesel oil consumed by deep sea fishing vessels.

6. Schemes to modernise/upgrade the sea food exporting industry by providing subsidy for automatic flake/chip/tube ice making machines; acquisition of generator sets, installation of improved plate freezer, purchase of refrigerated truck/container, upgrading deficient cold storages, acquisition of machinery and equipment for production of IQF Shrimps.

7. Technical assistance by MPEDA to farmers/entrepreneurs for establishment of prawn farms in the maritime States.

8. Subsidy assistance to farmers/entrepreneurs towards new farm development, seed and feed production and for establishment of shrimp hatcheries.

New project proposals under consideration are:

(I) An EEC project on technical assistance to the Indian Shell-fish Industry;

(II) Establishment of an on shore fish processing facility and shrimp feed mill at Visakhapatnam under an Indo-Australian Bilateral Aid Programme.